

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MULTIPLE DETENT SWITCH**

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and (if applicable) was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize our attorneys to insert the serial number assigned to this application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC §119**

APPLICATION NO.	COUNTRY	DAY/MONTH/YEAR FILED	PRIORITY CLAIMED

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

**PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)**

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application, or §365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

**PRIOR U.S./PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION(S) DESIGNATED FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120**

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	STATUS — PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith: Victor M. Wigman, Reg. No. 25,201; George C. Myers, Jr., Reg. No. 27,040; Donald R. Greene, Reg. No. 22,470; Michael C. Greenbaum, Reg. No. 28,419; Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., Reg. No. 28,680; Michael D. White, Reg. No. 32,795; Brian C. Jones, Reg. No. 37,857; David J. Edmondson, Reg. No. 35,126; Denise C. Lane, Reg. No. 42,780; Peter Weissman, Reg. No. 40,220; Brian WM. Higgins, Reg. No. 48,443; Minh-Quan K. Pham, Reg. No. 50,594 and John J. Yun, Reg. No. 53,823.

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.	

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Gregory P VanVooren et al.	)	
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For: <b>MULTIPLE DETENT SWITCH</b>	)	Atty. Dkt. No.: 115584-00298

**DECLARATION OF CHARLES R. WOLFE, JR.**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In support of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) filed in the above-captioned application, I, Charles R. Wolfe, Jr., hereby declare as follows:

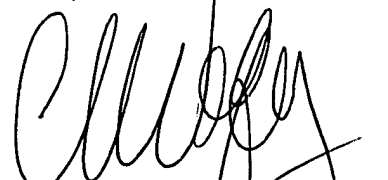
1. I am a partner with the law firm of Blank Rome, LLP, which represents Methode Electronics, Inc. in the above-identified patent application.
2. On May 21, 2003, a complete copy of the patent application, an Inventor's Declaration and an Assignment Agreement was mailed to William F. Swisher at his address, 1930 E. County Road 1670, Carthage, IL 62321, requesting his signature on the forms. Included was my contact information and a statement that Mr. Swisher contact me if he had any questions or concerns regarding the patent application. A copy of the letter is attached as **Appendix C**.
3. As of the date of this Petition, I have not been contacted by Mr. Swisher nor have I received the signed forms.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are

punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application with which this Declaration is concerned or any patent issued thereon.

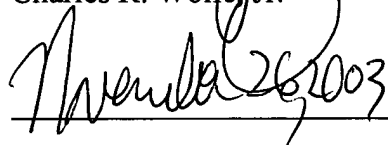
Respectfully submitted,

BY:



Charles R. Wolfe, Jr.

Date:



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**DECLARATION OF LARRY RUPERT**

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Sir:

In support of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) filed in the above-captioned application, I, Larry Rupert, hereby declare as follows:


1. I am employed by Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware Corporation having its principal place of business at 7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706 and have in-house responsibility for coordinating the preparation and filing of patent applications.
2. William F. Swisher invented the above identified invention while an employee of Methode Electronics, Inc. and was under an obligation to assign all rights and perform all acts necessary to prepare and prosecute a patent application directed to the invention.
3. Mr. Swisher's employment with Methode Electronics, Inc. was terminated in early 2001.
4. After his termination, a letter was sent to Mr. Swisher by registered mail on or about August 23, 2001, enclosing a patent application directed to the above invention, a Declaration for a Patent Application and an Assignment document transferring ownership of the invention to Methode Electronics, Inc. A copy of the letter and the

registered mail receipt are attached as **Appendix A**. A postage receipt was signed by Mr. Swisher on August 31, 2001 indicating his receipt of the materials, and is enclosed as **Appendix B**.

5. On at least one occasion, Mr. Swisher had agreed to meet with me to sign any and all necessary documents to assist in filing and prosecuting a patent application. Mr. Swisher never arrived at the agreed upon time or place.
6. As of the date of this Petition, I have not been contacted by Mr. Swisher nor have I received the signed forms.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any application with which this Declaration is concerned or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

BY:   
Lawrence T. Rupert

Date: 20 OCT 03